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1. The reply filed on 11/08/02 (Paper No. 8) is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant have elected Group II (Claims 10-19) with traverse, and elected "oligomer of N-sec-butyl-glycine" as the building block unit (Species A), "amide bond" as the linkage (Species B), and "solid substrate" as the template molecule (Species C). However, the election does not include one specific template molecule and the requirement for Species C also include a functional group. The requirement for Species C is reiterated below:

Applicant is required to elect, for purpose of search, a specific template molecule. The election should result in a single, specific chemical structure and should be completely defined. That is, the type of functional group (e.g. claim 14), specific type (e.g. claim 15, 17-19) and whether or not it is attached to a resin (e.g. claim 16) should be defined.

Applicant election of a "solid substrate" for Species C is not entirely specific (as was required) because the "solid substrate" is not a specific species since it would include glass, polymer, or silica surface and further no specific functional group has been elected and whether or not it is attached to a resin. Since the elected invention require the knowledge of specific template molecule and its functional group, and building block unit and its linkage, applicant is requested to elect a single, specific chemical structure and should be completely defined. Therefore, the response is not proper.

2. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to My-Chau T. Tran whose telephone number is 703-305-6999. The examiner is on Increased Flex Schedule and can normally be reached on Monday: 8:00-2:30; Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30-5:00; Friday: 8:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew J. Wang can be reached on 703-

306-3217. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306 for regular communications and 703-872-9307 for Inter Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1123.

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